



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I understand you are giving favorable consideration to a revision in the Executive Order authorizing the Combined Federal Campaign. The revision will establish the CFC as a campaign to support voluntary agencies providing direct health and welfare services, and will exclude organizations involved primarily in promoting and advocating for special groups and special interests.

As the CFC Chairman this year, I know from firsthand experience that the campaign was seriously damaged by the controversy and anger created by the inclusion of many legal defense funds and other special interest groups which are not providing direct health and welfare services. We have suffered from unions boycotting the CFC; CFC headquarters has received an unprecedented 1,500 telephone calls and many letters from angry Federal employees, and participation probably will be down by 5,000 to 10,000 contributions from last year -- all related to the inclusion of organizations which have "politicized" the campaign.

Although revising the Executive Order to exclude legal defense funds and other special interest groups will no doubt create a substantial negative reaction from the groups excluded, that reaction should be short term. I believe strongly that in the long term the survival of the CFC as a charitable cause -- above controversy -- whose sole purpose is serving the basic needs of all people, is absolutely dependent upon the suggested Executive Order revision.

I recommend the Executive Order be revised to protect the future of the CFC as a major positive force in voluntarism.

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